

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

WELDON, Curt (Republican)
Representative, 7th District, Pennsylvania
Elected 1986 to the 100th Congress
Reelected to succeeding Congresses



BACKGROUND

Born: Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania - 22 July 1947

Home: Aston, Pennsylvania

Marital status: Married (Mary) - 5 children

Religion: Protestant

Education: West Chester State College, BA, 1969; Delaware County Comm College, AAS, 1972

Military: None

Profession: Public official; teacher

Political: Mayor, Marcus Hook, 1977-82; Delaware County Council, 1981-86; unsuccessful GOP nominee for US House, 1984. Succeeded Rep Bob Edgar (D) who ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate in 1986, winning the general election with 61% of the vote. Reelected in 2000 with 65% of the vote and in 2002 with 66%.

Rep Weldon, a conservative, is considered an "articulate and critical-minded hawk who does his homework on selected technical issues." In the 104th Congress, appointed Chairman, HNSC Subc on Military R&D. Expressed concern about the TACAIR modernization implications of the Joint Strike Fighter program. In the 105th Congress, said his cmte's two top missile priorities would be the Army Theater High Altitude Area Defense and National Missile Def programs. Supports decreasing the amount of the defense budget used for environmental remediation. Appointed to Select Cmte on US National Security and Military Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China (the so-called Cox Commission).

In 106th Congress, introduced H.R. 4, the National Missile Defense Bill, to declare it to be the policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense. Sponsored H.R. 3053, a bill to provide for assessments and contingency planning relating to emerging missile threats to the United States. (CR, 7Oct99)

In the 107th Congress, voted against the budget resolution (H.Con.Res. 353), said the funds would go to make up for unfair budgeting or the unfair accounting process that was used during the Clinton administration. Criticized the Administration for leading the public to believe that China was stealing our technology when, according to the Cox Commission, we gave the technology to China. Said "American-sold high-performance computers are being used to design the next generation of weapons that we are now going to have to defend against." Supported an emergency suppl approps for the military. Supported the missile defense and modernization measures in the DOD Auth bill. Included an amendment in the DOD Auth bill to establish a center for Def Dept transfers to civ emergency responders. Called 9/11 the single biggest failure of our government in its history. Supports the increased use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) stating "more and more procedures are going to be handled by unmanned aircraft."

Additional: Since 1996 diagnosis of adult-onset diabetes, has become one of the House's most vocal advocates of funding for diabetes research, education and prevention. Earned American Assoc of Diabetes Educators 1999 National Legislator of the Year Award.

Member, Airpower Caucus

AF Bases: None

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